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Application of: Payne *et al.*

Application No.: 09/763,324

Group Art Unit: 1614

Filed: June 18, 2001

Examiner: C. DELACROIX-MUIRHEID

For: MODIFIED CHITOSAN POLYMERS AND
ENZYMATIC METHODS FOR THE
PRODUCTION THEREOF

Attorney Docket No.: 8399-007-999

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 13, 2002, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application. Submitted herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time with provision for the required fee.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 29-34 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Allowed claims 1-28 are pending in this application. Claims 29-34 have been canceled without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue them in one or more continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional applications.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the reasons for which claims 29-34 were rejected, provided on pages 2-4 of the Office Action, and refer the examiner to the response